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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR ISOLATING CELLS FROM ORGANS

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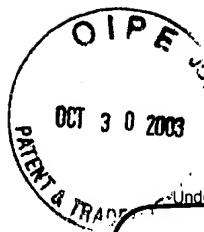
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In response to the Office Action dated October 3, 2003, regarding a restriction requirement, a timely reply is presented as follows:

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This Reply to Office Action is filed within the one-month shortened statutory period, and is thus timely filed.

In the Office Action, claims 1-5 were determined to be drawn to an apparatus for extracting cells; claims 8-14 were determined to be drawn to an agitation member; and claims 15-32 were determined to be drawn to a method of extracting cells.



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